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In re application of	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Robert Degen et al.	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL
Application No. 10/091,000	:	(COUNTER TERRORISM)
Filed: March 4, 2002		
For: MONEY TRANSFER EVALUATION		
SYSTEMS AND METHODS		

This is in response to the renewed petition filed on February 18, 2003 to make the above-identified application special on the basis of inventions for countering terrorism as set forth in MPEP § 708.02 XI.

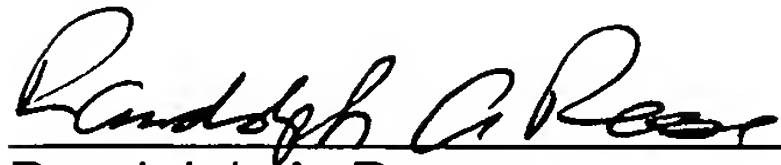
A petition to make special was filed on March 4, 2002. The petition was dismissed in a decision mailed November 19, 2002 wherein it was held that the petition lacked any specifics about what specific type of money transfers that are attributable to terrorism, as well as any specifics as to what the "systems and methods" are or how they are to be used to counteract this specific type of terrorism activity.

Since the requirement lacking in the original petition of March 4, 2002 has now been supplied, all the items required for special status under MPEP § 708.02 XI have been met, the petition is **GRANTED**.

The examiner is directed (1) to make an interference search for possible interfering applications, (2) to promptly examine this application out of turn, and (3) if any interfering application is discovered, to examine such application simultaneously and state in the first official letter of such application that it is being taken out of turn because of a possible interference.

Petitioner is advised that this application will continue to be special, throughout its entire prosecution and pendency, including interference or appeal, if any, only if petitioner makes a prompt *bona fide* effort, in response to each Office action, to place the application in condition for allowance, even if it is necessary to conduct an interview with the examiner to accomplish this purpose.

SUMMARY: Petition to Make Special **GRANTED.**

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